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RECENT HUNGARIAN POLICE, MILITARY ACTIVITIES

LARGE HUNGARIAN AMMUNITION DUMP EXPLODES -- Munich, Nyugatí Hirnök, 1 Oct 52

Fire broke out at the Alag airport during the night of 7 - 8 September 1952 and all hangars were burned to the ground. The fire spread to the nearby woods where antiaircraft batteries were located. As the flames enveloped the ammunition crates, explosions followed in quick succession, until a powerful blast occurred midway between Alag and Dunakeszi at 0820 hours.

Estimates as to the number killed vary; it is, however, certain that many members of the fire department and the ambulance crews died. The sound of the explosion was heard even in Budapest, and windows were shattered in an area of 4-5 kilometers from the fire, including Pestújhely, Kakosszentmihály, Arpaiföld, and Sasahalom.

The site of the accident was closed off for half a day. Although the press was not permitted to report the event, the news of the fire and explosion was known in the entire country in a few hours.

The above report, broadcast by the Radio, Free Europe, has been confirmed by other sources. In general, the number of dead is estimated at 80.

GIVES DETAILS OF PLANE POLICING -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 8 Sep 52

Airplane tickets from Budapest westward, i.e., to Gyor and Szombathely, as well as southward to Pecs, are issued only to persons holding passes from the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority). The passes are usually issued only to party members and high-ranking officials.

Instead of one policeman as heretofore, two policemen now escort each plane, armed with automatic pistols. Two passengers are not permitted to

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leave their places at the same time. The policemen are provided with a seating list of the passengers. Suspicious conversations are reported promptly by radio and the suspects are searched thoroughly after landing.

At the airport, the plane is surrounded by a police guard, and departing passengers are inspected by the police guard three times in the admitting hall and in boarding the aircraft. In addition to the ticket, each passenger is required to show an identification document with a photograph. State officials must also show their travel orders (menetlevel).

INTENSIFY BORDER CONTROL -- Munich, Nyugati Hirnok, 1 Oct 52

At Hegyeshalom, as well as all along Hungary's western border, guard personnel has been tripled since the beginning of September. The trucks of the railroad cars traveling westward are checked three times, because recently, many people succeeded in escaping by hanging on to the car bodies.

EQUIP STALACTITE CAVE WITH RADIO TRANSMITTER -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 23 Sep 52

The Forras Barlang (well cave) stalactite cave at the confluence of the Szinva and Garadna brooks near Hamor (Borsod Megye) has been declared "protected area" by the Orszagos Termeszatvedelmi Tanacs (National Council for the Protection of National Resources) and has been closed to sightseers.

Forced labor is being employed to equip the cave with electric lights and a radio transmitter, as well as to build a road for automobile traffic.

It is reported that the forced labor gang consists of 1,100 persons, working under AVH supervision. The cave was inspected by a mixed AVH-Soviet commission in mid-September.

SET UP ARTILLERY DIVISION WEST OF THE DANUBE -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 8 Sep 52

A new artillery division has been set up west of the Danube. Components of the division are located at Papa, Komarom, Mor, and other towns.

SUBJECT WOMEN TO MILITARY TRAINING -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 7 Oct 52

It is a well-known fact in Budapest that 30-40 percent of the members of women's organizations are given military training. Women taxi drivers, street-car drivers, and locomotive engineers are among those trained for military service.

The women trainees are made to march armed through Budapest to the suburban training grounds, where they must meet the same requirements in automatic-pistol and hand-grenade practice as men.

DETAILS OF FRONTIER GUARD TRAINING -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 7 Oct 52

The members of the Hungarian Frontier Guard begin their actual training only after taking an oath. The Zalaegerszeg recruit company is training at Meszele. The trainees receive instruction in the search of homes, as well as in the pursuit of escapees at night, on the training ground.

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Training is particularly thorough and strict along the Yugoslav border. One phase of the training is to catch older frontier guards who are dressed in civilian clothing and who impersonate Yugoslav spies.

Particular emphasis is placed on training the recruits to keep a distance of 100-150 meters between one another. The frontier guard on duty is required to use his weapon if he or another person is attacked or if a suspect does not stop when challenged.

After the examination at the conclusion of the training period, the recruits are distributed along the border. Only frontier guards who are members of the party or DISZ (Dolgozo Ifjak Szovetsege, Association of Working Youth) are detailed to the Yugoslav border.

Recruits who fail the examination are given additional training lasting 2-3 months. Those who again fail to pass the examination or are not considered entirely reliable remain in a reserve company which is used in case of general alerts or raids.

During the training period, recruitment is conducted for the AVH officers' school at the Budapest Petofi Academy, as well as for the noncommissioned officers' school at Foth, near Budapest, and the frontier guard dog school at Budapest. The result of the recruitment is usually poor, with few applicants.

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